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Early week prices in most areas were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. During the week, prices in New York were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady, at times firm. Demand was in a full range of light to good, best where scattered promotions stimulated consumer interest at retail outlets. Supplies were sufficient to occasionally tight for current requirements. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was moderate for the adequate offerings. Buyers needing product were finding product available within the quoted range. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged. Demand was mostly good with offerings adequate to instances tight with reports of increased competition for available spent hens. Schedules varied due to current supplies. Trade sentiment steady. Removal prices were 5 to 11 cents, mostly 6 to 8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota were 2 cents higher on large and medium with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and better into ongoing or planned features. Loose egg sales were moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Buyers needing product finding product available within the quoted price. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-68	63-65
LARGE	59-67	61-64
MEDIUM	33-39	36-38

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to instances fairly good, best where featured. Supplies were close to adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was noted as fair to good. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-80	66-72
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Jul 23, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	61.00	60.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	58.50	56.50	38.00
MIDWEST	56.00	54.50	37.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	60.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	60.22	57.99	39.76

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	07-27-04	07-20-04	07-29-03
Large	42-49	34-41	50-54
Medium	18-22	16-20	33-35

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JULY 26, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.9	17.6	6.6	9.3	9.5	53.9
	Change	-2.2	-2.7	0.3	0.5	0.2	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	42.8	10.4	20.9	35.3	130.3
	Change	-0.3	5.0	-3.9	3.3	5.5	8%
Large	Curr Wk	44.5	91.4	52.4	79.9	92.5	360.7
	Change	-0.6	-4.8	-2.9	-4.7	8.9	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	23.4	42.3	13.4	34.7	31.6	145.4
	Change	2.4	1.8	-1.9	-2.5	-2.2	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	8.0	6.7	2.3	9.4	8.5	34.9
	Change	-2.1	-1.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	26.7	10.0	16.4	5.5	62.8
	Change	-1.4	-3.0	1.9	-1.0	-0.4	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	50.5	19.3	25.4	26.4	139.1
	Change	2.7	-1.1	-3.0	-2.7	2.1	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	129.4	278.0	114.4	196.0	209.3	927.1
Percent	Change	-1%	-2%	-7%	-3%	8%	-1%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	927.1	-1%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	266.2	-3%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,193.3	-1%	205
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 24-JUL-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,258,892	31,278	11,213	5,795	2,875	4,295
PW	1,255,737	30,191	11,732	6,115	3,207	4,285
LY	1,231,641	29,207	11,291	6,275	2,451	4,341
% CHG PWK	0	4	-4	-5	-10	0
% CHG LY	2	7	-1	-8	17	-1
2004	35,265,565	836,990	338,809	185,905	80,870	120,958
2003	33,177,943	808,057	303,183	166,237	67,220	120,361
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	12	20	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.77	41.67	41.50
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.36	38.26	37.98

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JUL 17	JUL 24	JUL 17	JUL 24
	Thousand			
AL	30,853	30,430	21,113	22,328
AR	31,653	31,896	*25,933	24,709
DE	3,689	3,634	5,093	4,987
FL	1,370	1,339	1,456	1,221
GA	*33,438	33,088	*27,797	27,021
KY	6,970	7,220	*5,638	6,177
LA	*3,907	3,923	*3,453	4,009
MD	8,862	8,916	5,835	5,984
MS	19,829	19,843	17,197	17,203
NC	18,804	18,093	14,921	13,789
OK	6,766	6,679	5,142	5,905
PA	*3,964	3,847	*2,853	2,723
SC	3,790	3,850	3,729	3,815
TX	15,246	15,510	12,770	12,638
VA	6,868	6,852	5,448	5,428
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,441	17,488	*16,123	15,227
19 State Total	*213,450	*212,608	*174,501	173,164
Previous Year Total	208,336	207,442	165,525	167,909
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	105	103

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Sep-04 is estimated at 160.0 million head. This compares to 161.1 million head the previous week and to 156.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 138.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.18 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/22/04-07/28/04

CURRENT LDS 81.00 FUTURE LDS 87.50 TOTAL LDS 168.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	45.50	53.23	47.50	47.50	—	—	30.00
GNR W 2	—	38.00	—	—	36.00	38.00	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	71.00	72.00	73.10	79.50	7.75
GL W XL	—	64.28	57.79	59.21	59.34	56.67	44.50
GL W LG	—	62.13	52.67	54.00	58.25	—	52.75
GL W MD	32.00	33.33	30.00	31.31	31.43	33.50	24.75
GL W SM	29.75	31.50	28.00	30.00	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	—	43.00	41.00	21.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	34.25	35.25	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 39	25.00	27.00	25.00	—	—	—	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-JUL-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	28.2	29.8	-5	32
Boston	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chicago	60.2	61.3	-2	-28
Detroit	28.4	34.0	-16	14
Kansas City	5.8	9.0	-36	38
Los Angeles	89.5	91.0	-2	5
New Orleans	9.0	8.6	5	-45
New York	29.0	28.5	2	3
St. Louis	13.8	14.8	-7	-19
San Francisco	18.8	21.3	-12	-13
Total	286.3	301.9	-5	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-JUL-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696
Avg Wt	16.71	36.03	23.21	43.53	27.97
Last week	1,872	2,757	59	18	4,706
Same wk yr ago	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	35.67	24.89	31.91	27.08
To-date/2004	49,921	73,093	1,357	196	124,567
To-date/2003	53,679	79,177	1,804	431	135,091

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 24-JUL-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE	
WT						
North East	897	-1	21.19	(A)	898	21.19
South Atlantic	846	9	29.91	(A)	846	29.91
North Central	2,121	-3	32.47	(A)	2,121	32.47
South Central	477	-3	19.78	(A)	477	19.78
West	354	7	24.58	(A)	354	24.58
U.S. total	4,695 (B)	0	27.97	1	4,696	27.97
To-date						
2004	124,371 (B)			196	124,567	
To-date						
2003	134,660 (B)			431	135,091	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 72,000; for the current year to date 1,357,000; for last year to date 1,804,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 24-Jul-2004
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922	471
Avg Wt	5.15	3.45	8.00	5.76	6.64
Last week	161,060	1,614	1,420	3,034	503
Same wk yr ago	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564	383
Avg Wt	5.11	3.45	7.80	5.93	6.45
To-date/2004	4,500,653	39,110	37,899	77,009	13,487
To-date/2003	4,440,321	46,107	39,980	86,087	11,988

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.2 million head, or 3.9 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-04

CLASS	Current Week 07/31/04(1)	Previous Week 07/24/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	166,810(2)	162,850
Light hens	1,465	1,522
Heavy hens	1,484	1,455
Total	169,759	165,827

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jul-04 is 166.4 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.1 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Aug-04 the estimated available is 164.8 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June 19	157.7	164.6	96%	5.28
26	164.0	164.3	100%	5.35
July 3	162.8	164.2	99%	5.09
10	147.8	164.0	90%	5.15
17	163.0	165.2	99%	5.13
24	163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
Year to date	4555.4	4645.1	98%	
July 31		166.4		
August 7		164.8		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 7/26/04-07/30/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	72.00-75.00	75.32	42	77.31
Los Angeles	86.00	84.32	63	82.26
New York	73.00-76.00	73.76	25	74.80

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 26-Jul-04	19-Jul-04	19-Jul-04	28-Jul-03
	78.84	-1.32	80.16	62.34
Number of loads	535			

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
July	81.59	2701.60

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	71-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-72	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 07/26/04	3,269	197,851	54,492
AM 07/01/04	3,364	197,449	57,329
CHG	-95	402	-2837
PCT CHG	-3%	0%	-5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 26-JUL-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.31
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13.25 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.17

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 23-July-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	9-10.5
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-11	6-8

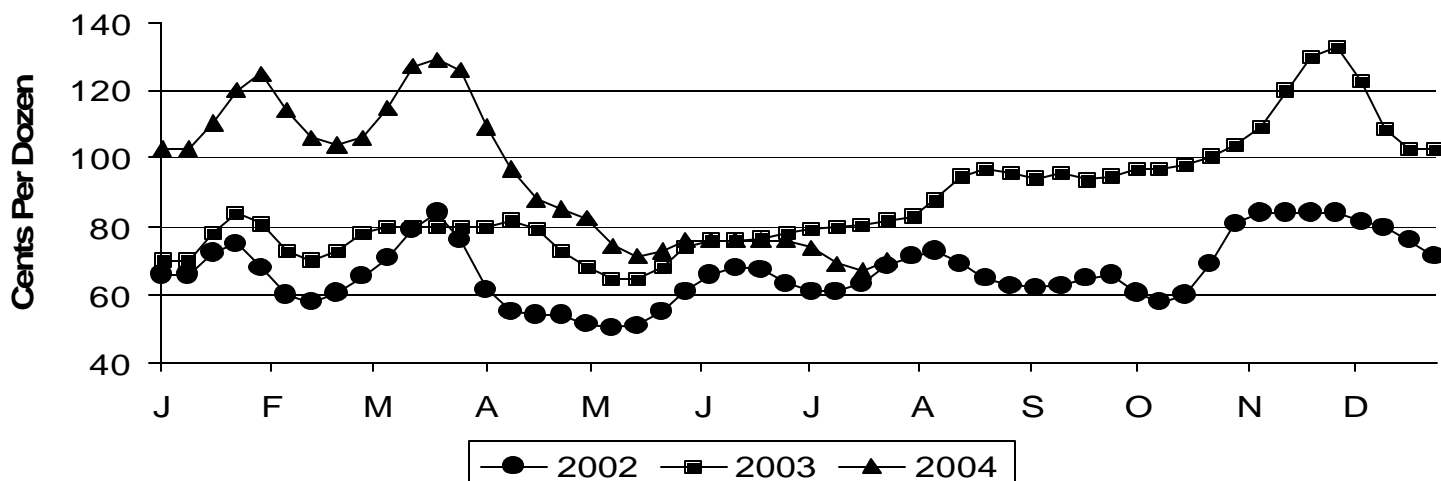
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W/E 24-July-04

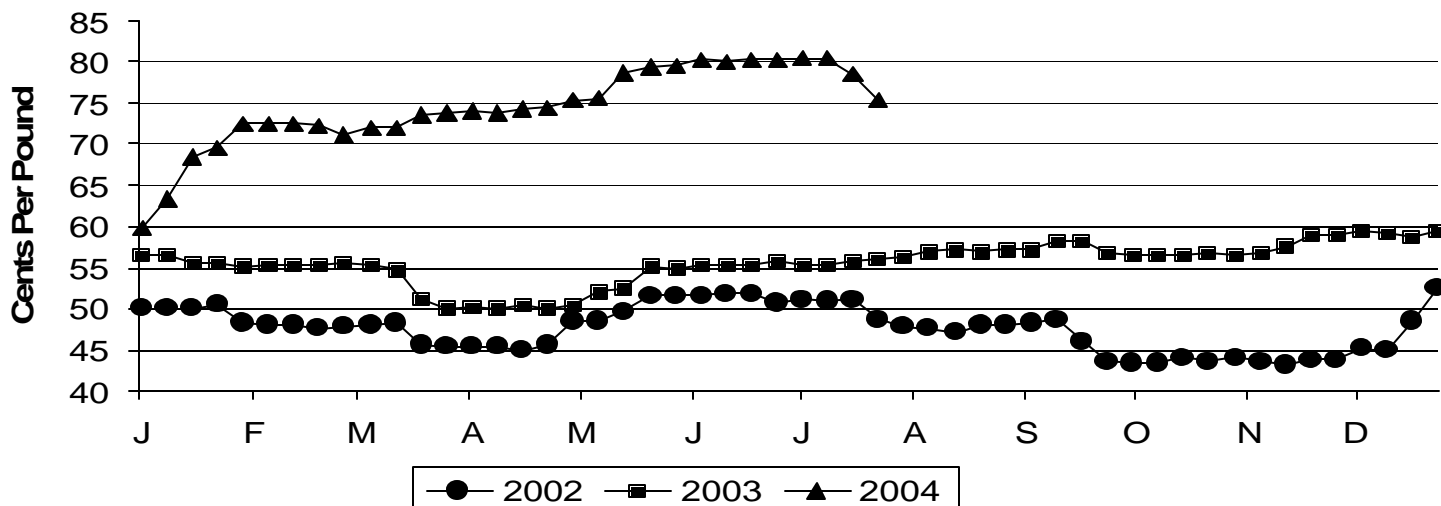
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	222.8	0	8
East North Central	571.9	-4	1
West North Central	281.6	-11	-3
South Atlantic	207.0	1	-2
South Central	72.4	-11	11
West	184.7	-3	-5
Total	1540.4	-5	0
Matched Plants reporting		85	85
Areas Covered:			
North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)			
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)			
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

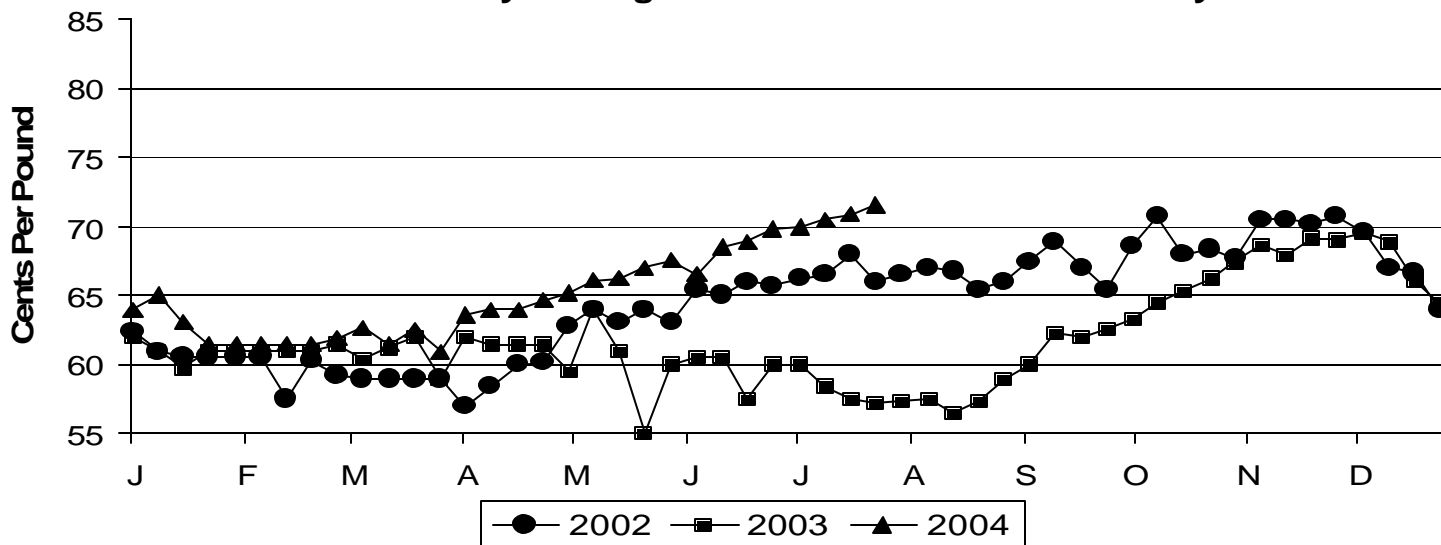
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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